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**September, 2012**

**Pioneer Village: Every American should go there at least once in their lifetime!**



Over 5 million people have visited Pioneer Village in Minden, Nebraska. If you have never been there you should make plans to go and spend at least 8 hours looking at the history of America dating back to 1830. This is one of my favorite places to visit. I have been there 3 times and I want to thank Dale Crossno from Grand Terrace for first telling me about this location.

I have also been to the Smithsonian Institute in Wash. D. C. but I prefer Pioneer Village because the collection of artifacts are more related to the working man instead of specific items that we have heard about that contributed to America's history.

Harold Warp was the founder of Flex-O-Glass, a company that he started in Chicago in 1924 with an original investment of \$800.00. In 1953 he created Pioneer Village in his home town of Minden, where it still stands today. Minden is 13 miles south of Highway 80 near Kearney, Nebraska.

On our recent trip to Iowa, Ardie and I stopped at Pioneer Village and

I took a lot of pictures and I filled up one chip in my camera and had to change to another chip. When we arrived in Iowa we could not find the first chip. So when Ardie's cousin, Mark Schuller rode back to California with me, Mark and I stopped in Minden because Mark had never been to Pioneer Village. Naturally I took more pictures not knowing that the first chip was still in Ardie's purse back in Iowa. We didn't find the chip until after she flew back to Highgrove about a week later.

(We now have more than enough pictures of Pioneer Village!)

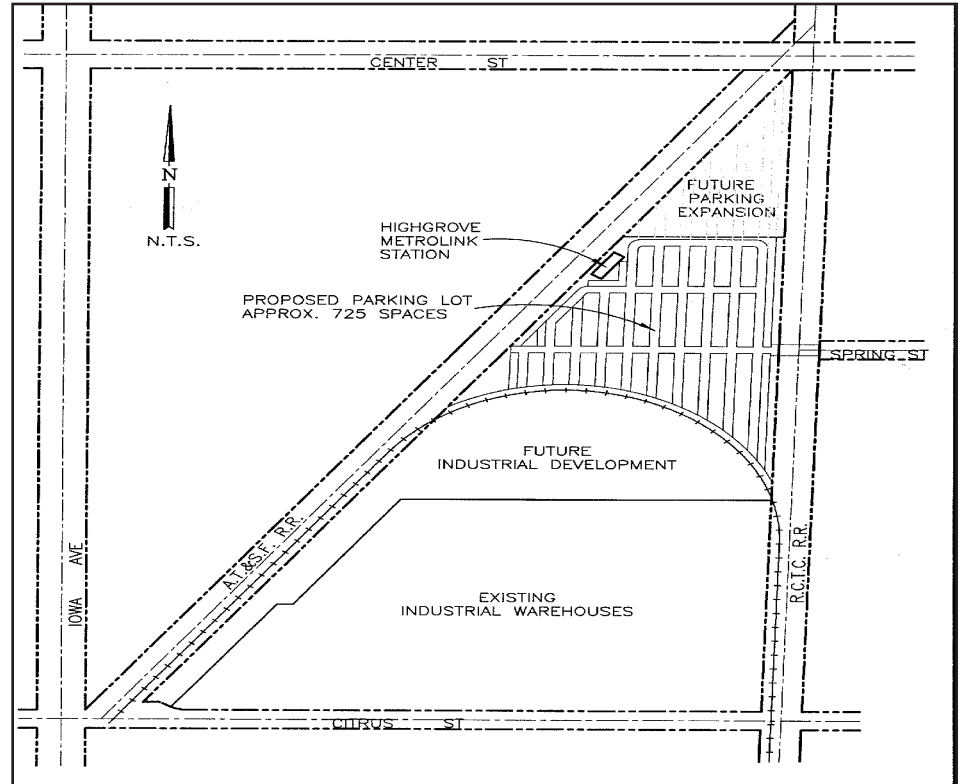
It is hard to believe that this man collected so many items in just one lifetime.

Here are a few pictures from the 2 chips. Hopefully you can see why I like this location so much. This journey is a walk-through trip of American history and is a very unique collection of unusual and historic artifacts that everyone should see at least once in their lifetime.

More information can be seen by visiting: [www.pioneervillage.org](http://www.pioneervillage.org)

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**Highgrove Metrolink: an "uneconomic remnant" or a REGIONAL ECONOMIC ASSET?**



The Riverside County Transportation Commission had to buy 17.22 acres of vacant land shown above at Highgrove in order to connect the Perris Valley Line Railroad track to the BNSF RR track. Without this property the Perris Valley Line project would be dead because the Perris Valley Line track would not be able to connect to the BNSF railroad track to get from Highgrove to Riverside. RCTC paid \$8,625,000.00 for this vacant land between the 2 railroads.

In an effort to try and stay under the \$250 million dollar limit allowed for re-building the Perris Valley Line track, I recently discovered that only \$3,277,000.00 of the \$8,625,000.00 will be charged to the Perris Valley Line. This amounts to only 38% (6.0696 acres) of the total amount they paid for the 17.22 acres. And RCTC now considers this excess property an "uneconomic remnant". **This so called "uneconomic remnant" is the same property where we have been trying to convince RCTC to build a Highgrove Metrolink station for the last 10 years!**

RCTC says it does not need the remaining 62% of this property (11.21 acres) for the Perris Valley Line but by using their figures, it still cost the taxpayers \$5,347,000.00.

Their Aug. 24, 2009 letter states: "The remaining 62 % of the cost to acquire the property will be financed using RCTC Measure A Funds (local

funds) and held for RCTC's future use."

But when Federal, State, and/or Local funds are used, these costs eventually fall onto the shoulders of the taxpayers. If RCTC would allow their excess property to be used for a Highgrove Metrolink stop their property would immediately change from an "uneconomic remnant" to a **"REGIONAL ECONOMIC ASSET"** because it would benefit commuters in both Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. This location already has existing Metrolink trains that pass through Highgrove 7 days a week and the station could be located on the west side of RCTC's 17.22 acre property right next to the # 3 BNSF main line used by Metrolink trains. This location is the most logical location because RCTC already owns the property, commuter trains are already there, no additional property or eminent domain is needed, and no demolition is needed because it is all vacant land.

All that is needed is a parking lot! **Here is something else you may not know:**

RCTC paid an additional **\$8,146,000.00** for 9.75 acres only one mile south of their 17.23 acres. Yes it's true! They bought 2 pieces of vacant land just 1 mile apart for a total of **\$16,771,000.00**. We published both letters in the Jan. 2012 issue of Highgrove Happenings. These (continued on P-8)

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# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



**Highgrove Community Center Hours: Mon-Thur 8am-4pm; Fri 8am-2pm**  
**Highgrove Community Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk**

**Contact: (951) 341-6634 (951) 786-6912**

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[www.fsaca.org](http://www.fsaca.org) **September 2012**

**Sept 3rd: (Center Closed)**

**Sept 4th: NO Brown Bag Program on this date**

**Sept 4th: Bon Bon Class 1- 4 PM**

**Sept 7th and 21st: 9 AM - PM Riverside County Regional Medical Center Mobile Health Clinic** is here to help answer any questions and do blood pressure and blood sugar checks at no cost to you. No appointments needed!

**Sept 13th: 12:30 PM "Cool Center" Sock Hop Event**

**Sept 21st: 8-10AM Mother's Nutritional Center Resource Table** by Maria 951- 686- 6092 (WIC Redemption Center)

**Sept 27th: 12:30 PM "Cool Center" Seniors Fit for Life Exercise Event**

**The Highgrove Center is an official Cool Center...**Sponsored by the Fair Housing Council & So. Calif. Edison Are you looking for a cool place to beat the heat? The Center has been designated as an official Cool Center. Anyone who visits the Cool Center may receive energy-saving tips, energy-saving light bulbs, water and a snack. Information about senior discounts on SCE bills is also available. The Cool Center's hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 10 AM to 5 PM.

**Upcoming Program Session:**  
**New Cake Decorating Series to begin Thursday Sept 13, 2012.**

**Points of Interest**  
 Center Hours: Monday thru Thursday 8 AM - 4 PM, Friday 8 AM - 2 PM

**Aerodance Exercise:** Mon, Tues, Thurs 9-10AM, Wed 9-9:45 \$6 per week or \$2.00 per day **Evening Class** Tues 7-8:30 & Fri 6-6:50 PM \$5 per week or \$2.50 per evening.

**Sewing Class:** Wed 10:30 AM - 1:30

**Balloon Arrangement Class:** Wed 8:30 - 10 AM \$15 per class./10 class course. Completion Certificate awarded

**Cake Class Series/4 levels:** Thurs 10 -11:30 \$18 for each 4 week level session/ 4 level course. Completion certificate awarded

**Flower Class :** Wed 10:30 - 12 Noon. \$15 per class/10 class course. Completion Certificate awarded

**3-Dimensional Gelatin Molding Class:** Tues 1 - 4 PM \$15 per class/10 class course. Completion certificate awarded

**Edible Arrangement Carving Class -10 Class Series:** Wed 12:30 AM - 2 PM. \$15 per class. Completion Certificate awarded

**Mommie & Me Music Class** Wed 10:15 - 11:00 AM ages up to pre school. No Cost Program

**Taekwondo Fitness Exercise:** Wed 8:15 - 9:15 \$10 per month call Master Elvis Chavez 909 - 293-8538

**E-Taekwondo United (Karate Class)** Mon & Wed 7PM - 8PM call Master Elvis Chavez 909 - 381- 6303 for detailed info.

**Zumba Fitness:** Monday 5:30-6:30 Thursday 6-7PM (no class on 4th Thur), Saturday 8:45-9:45AM Weekly Card - 3 Classes must be used in a week \$15. Monthly Card -10 Class for 30 day period \$50. Regular price per class is \$7.00. Call Aly 909-556-4190 for more info.

**Beginning Sept 4, 2012: 6PM - 9 PM** The art of cake decorating & baking intensive course/25 classes. \$15 per class. Completion certificate awarded.

**Beginning Sept 10th - Cake Pops Class** Monday 12 Noon to 1 PM. \$15 per class. 3 class course/ Certificate Awarded.

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### REPORT

### Highgrove Crime Activity



Crimes decreased from 7 to 4, total violent crimes 3-0,

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Crimes 4, Burglary 0, Auto Theft 0, Vehicle Burglary 0-2, Larceny Theft

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Children under the age of 8 must be secured in a car seat or booster seat in the back seat. Children under the age of 8 who are 4' 9" or taller may be secured by a safety belt in the back seat.

## Highgrove Library News

The library has pre-school story time with Miss Ashley every Tuesday starting at 10:30 am. On Thursdays there are games from 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Children can come to the library to play board games, card games, puzzles and the library has a Wii system. The library is located at 530 Center St. in Highgrove. For more information call the library at: (951) 682 1507.

## Street Lights Out in Highgrove?

Report Street Light outage: call (951) 955-3224

or email Hazel Rodriguez

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## Report Illegal Trash Dumping!



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## New Colors of Highgrove T-Shirts available!

If you live in Highgrove you need a T-Shirt that has our Highgrove logo on the front and a 1916 Highgrove citrus label on the back. Some say: "Where Center St. is the main street and Main St. is at the edge of town" Others say: Where half of our main street is in the next county".

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“Quiet Zone” at Center St. and Main St. would mean no mandatory train whistling for 4 1/2 miles through Colton, Grand Terrace and Highgrove.



Palmyrita Ave in Riverside would still require mandatory train whistling.



Valley Blvd. in Colton: 4 1/2 miles northward would also require whistling.

## Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council Requests changes in General Plan Zoning Changes:

**Change 68 Acres** in the middle of Highgrove from IP or MSC to something more compatible to the community and include input from the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council and the Highgrove residents.

**North/South Road:** Extend Michigan Ave. southward from Spring St. approximately 1/2 mile across the existing vacant field and connect to Palmyrita Court.

**Highgrove Metrolink:** Continue to request a Metrolink train stop on the west side of the vacant 17.22 acres already owned by RCTC that

is located next to the BNSF main line where commuter trains pass through Highgrove 7 days a week.

**Train Whistling Ordinance:** Establish a “Quiet Zone” at the grade crossings at Main St. and Center St. which would eliminate the mandatory requirement for trains having to whistle at these 2 grade crossings except for emergency situations.

**Street name changes:** Change Center St., east of Mt. Vernon Ave., from Old Highgrove Trail to: East Center Street.

Change Spring St. east of Mt. Vernon Ave., from Blue Mountain Drive to: East Spring Street. (Main St. east of Mt. Vernon Ave. is already East Main Street).

**Highgrove Name on Street Signs:** Any new Street Name signs

should have the Highgrove name at the top including future streets in the Spring Mountain Ranch project or other future developments. Existing street signs that require replacement should also include the Highgrove designation at the top of the new replacement sign.

**Concrete Curbs:** The Highgrove MAC recommends that new curbs should be made out of concrete instead of asphalt.

**Pigeon Pass Corridor:** Continue to examine the impact that the proposed Pigeon Pass Corridor will have on the Highgrove community and receive input from the Highgrove MAC regarding which route the connection will take between Moreno Valley and the I-215 freeway.

**Community involvement:** Before receiving approval from the Riverside County Planning Commission and/or Board of Supervisors, any proposed zoning changes, new construction, or demolition in Highgrove should first be brought to the local residents at a public meeting in Highgrove in order to obtain input for recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

**Annexation:** Any future proposal regarding annexation shall include the entire community of Highgrove and not a just a portion. Future annexation of Highgrove is: “All or Nothing”.

R. A. “Barney” Barnett: Chmn. Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council. (951) 683 4994 highgrovenews@roadrunner.com

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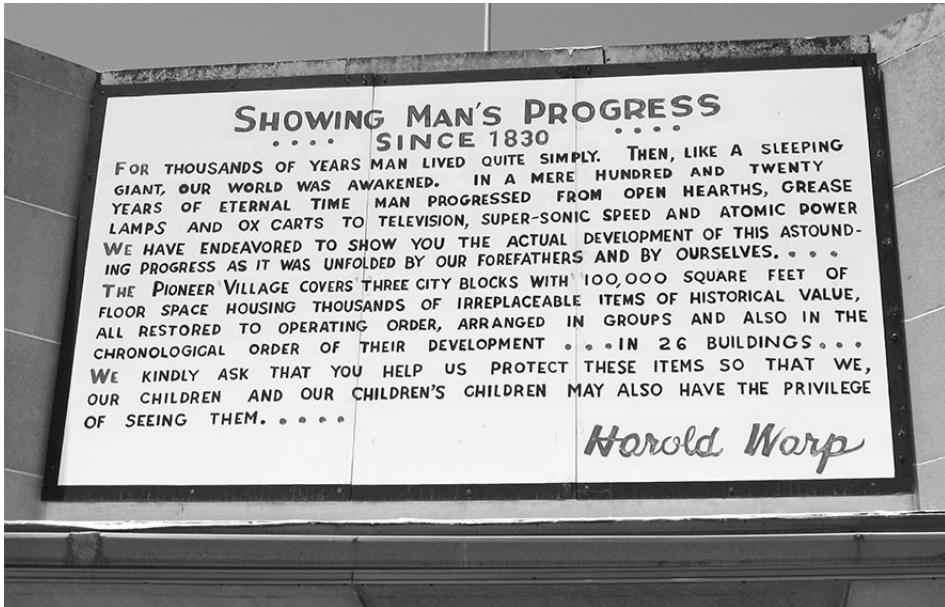


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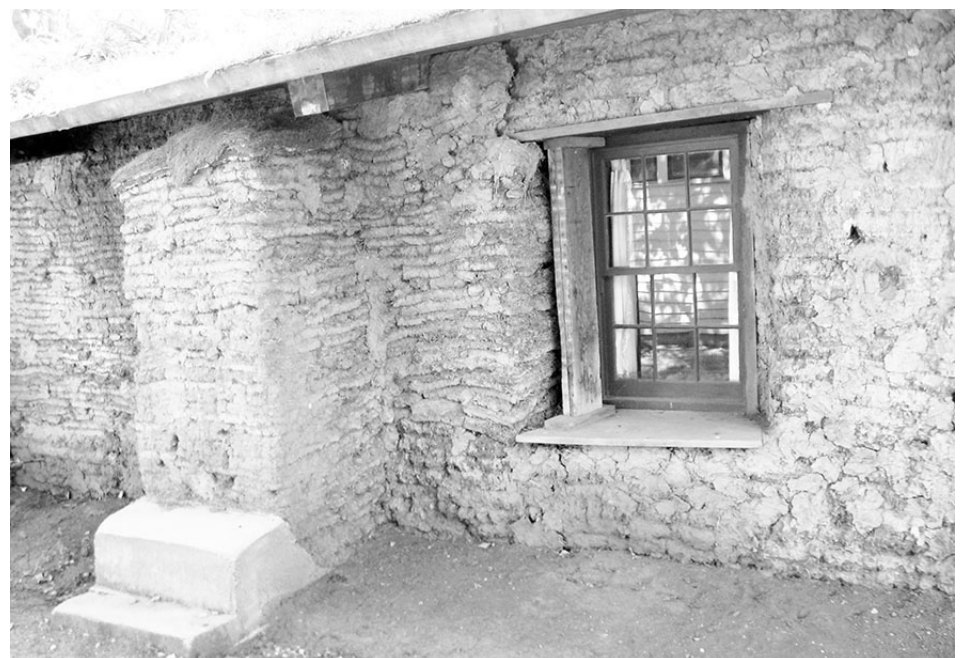
This sign is above the entrance to Pioneer Village in Minden, Nebraska which is the hometown of Harold Warp who created this historical collection.



These buggies were dependant on horsepower but only 1 or 2 at a time!



Various forms of transportation from horse and buggy, old automobiles and old airplanes are on display.



This house is made out of layers of sod like the grass in your front yard.

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## California Dreaming by Dr. Cynthia Williams

Being a transplanted native Californian I am suffering from shock just like my plants. I miss Highgrove and all my family and friends! I moved to central Oregon a little over a year ago and it is nothing like Highgrove. I knew the change would be dramatic- this little city has about 77,000 people, hundreds, if not thousands, of wild deer, and more dogs per capita than any place I've ever been. It is another planet compared to California. Let me share with you my journey.

Central Oregon- constantly abbreviated as "C.O." or "CO"- cuts a big wide path from north to south through the middle of the state. It's way off the beaten path from where planes, trains or automobiles travel. C.O. is considered a vacation destination, however as the saying goes, the journey is part of the experience, not just the destination. It is not easy getting in or out of C.O.

Highgrove has such wonderful access to transportation routes and sources. Highgrove is a wonderful community- why would we want to leave? But most of us get out on occasion and the relative ease of escape is something I took for granted and now I miss. It is an ordeal to get in or out of CO any time of the year, and agony during the winter months. Portland is three-hours west over a significant mountain pass, Eugene is west three hours over a wicked little two lane pass that is open maybe four or five months of the year. There is nothing east worth traveling to. The main high-

way through town has a speed limit of 45mph. 45 is agony for a California freeway-bred girl like me. I miss being able to get past Yucaipa on the way to the desert and "dropping the hammer".

When I lived in the house on Flynn Street I could hear so much travel. One very early morning I was lying in bed listening to the soft buzz of the freeway traffic then I heard a crash and then it was quiet. Traffic had stopped for a collision and then gradually it wound up again, the buzz getting faster and louder. We frequently hear the jets as they come in for a landing at Ontario Airport. I always appreciated the convenience of Ontario rather than going into LAX. Having been to Ontario more times than I can count and able to remember each excruciating trip to LAX, I love Ontario Airport. And the trains... boy does Highgrove get train traffic. I've taken the Metrolink out of San Bernardino into Los Angeles and then joined Amtrak up to C.O. several times. (No, the Amtrak doesn't go directly to C.O.- but to the south end where it jags west up the coast and the rest of us take a bus into the central part.)

Obviously the freeway system in southern California is unparalleled anywhere in the world. Yes, it is insane and crowded bumper to bumper, but it is a wonderful system with a spider web of concrete connections that the World Wide Web can only envy. If you are expecting it to be busy, it never fails to disappoint. Those of

us raised in southern California and the freeway system have our own time-distance continuum language when it comes to the freeways. How far away is Disneyland? Tick-tick-tick... we are thinking... factoring in the day of the week, the time of the day, and the best possible freeway route. Then the answer is delivered in a TIME approximate measurement. How many of us know the distance in miles to Disneyland? (It's 42 miles on the 91, 48 miles via the 60 and 57, and 54 miles via the 10 to the 60 to the 57.) In this little C.O. spot on the map, miles are irrelevant. It is only five miles from one end of town north to south and about six miles east to west. The only criteria is if there is some snow, lots of snow, or skip-it-and-stay-home-snow on the roads.

Unless the roads are clear. Then there is about three intersections everyone seems to bunch up around and it is usually only at noon and five 'clock. By eight PM the sidewalks are rolled back and you have the road to yourself. Rain or shine. So where is Sears? Just a little past Greenwood. Where is Johnny Rockets? Down in the Old Mill. No distances or street names. Everyone just knows where everything is because it isn't all that big!

It is so quiet here, no jets coming in for a landing at the airport, no Amtrak or Metrolink pounding past, no hum of the freeway. All the racket from planes, trains and automobiles is now a memory and music to my ears. The silence here in C.O. is wonderful- for a little while; but for now I miss the racket and the conveniences!

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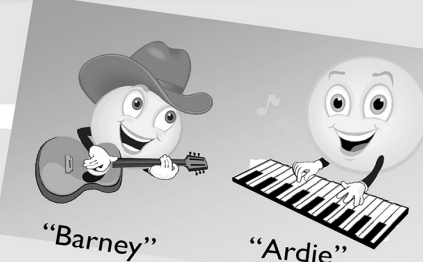


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There is one building full of old antique tractors and farm equipment.



There is even a collection of antique outboard motors. Cont. on P. 11

## Phil's Philosophy

I'M OFFENDED by Phil Turner

We are taught to love all our brothers and sisters. We are not to judge. God alone is our judge. A person's lifestyle, as long as it doesn't violate my God given and much blood spilled over rights, is their own affair.

Having said that, I'm offended that each time someone has anything to say other than the party line, the party line being the politically correct party, about the gay lifestyle, gets labeled as homophobic, insensitive, a cretin of the last century. They are someone that deserves to be reprimanded, lose their job, or funding, or one's business.

Case in point; recently the CEO of Chik-Fil-A, after having spoken his opinion of gay marriage, has been hammered by the print and electronic media, many celebrities, and gay rights organizations. Boycotts of the business were organized. What he uttered was his personal opinion. It was not the mission statement of his company, its policy, the intent of their hiring policy, or treatment of his patrons. It was simply his spoken opinion. No one's rights were violated by his spoken word.

I'm offended that many gay people find it necessary to flaunt their lifestyle in our collective faces. In most major cities across the country, New York, Boston, Los Angeles, and of course San Francisco, there are gay pride parades. What I have seen

and read of these parades and accompanying festival, are very much x rated. Participants go to extremes and pretty much dare anyone to have a negative opinion. If one was to have a negative comment, in today's climate they can expect to be eviscerated.

Imagine the reaction of a parade of a very different group. This group is the only group that anyone, anywhere, anytime can say anything, without any fear of retaliation. No one from the media, no celebrities, no one from the politically correct party will lift their voice in support. That group is, of course, straight, white, Christian, males. What would be the reaction of the gay and politically correct party to such a parade, or even such an organization?

Carrying the thought even further, how about a parade of gun owners, waving their shotguns and rifles in the air? Imagine Ted Nugent as grand marshal, driving a camouflaged Jeep, with a trophy deer lying across the hood. Oh my goodness, would that provoke the politically correct, or what?

Truth is, I'm offended that they take offense. I believe many sit on the edge of their seat, ready to spring at any perceived offense.

**Editor's note: The opinions expressed in this article are the viewpoints of its author and do not necessarily reflect the viewpoints of the "Highgrove Happenings"**

## The power of political television:

Why not just re-name MSNBC the Democratic channel and FOX the Republican channel? I wonder what would happen if you are a Democrat and your fellow democratic friends caught you watching the FOX channel or if you are a Republican and you are caught watching MSNBC? Are you ready to just vote for anyone that promises the volume will remain the same during commercials and the commercials will not all be on at the same time or are you listening to the issues to become a responsible voter?



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## METROLINK (continued from P. 1)

letters can be viewed by visiting: [www.highgrovehappenings.net](http://www.highgrovehappenings.net) and clicking on latest issue/Jan. 2012.


The 2nd expense of \$8,146,000.00 was for a future Metrolink Station on the Perris Valley Line at Marlborough Ave. that will only serve commuters between Riverside and Perris when completed. Meanwhile, the existing Metrolink trains, and any future trains, including new trains that will be allowed when the Colton flyover is completed, will continue to pass through Highgrove without stopping, under RCTC's present plan. RCTC needs to change its mind and turn their "uneconomic remnant" into a parking lot for a Highgrove Metrolink station.

You would think that the logical

explanation for an agency that is exclusively dedicated to transportation issues (that includes Metrolink), would be to jump at the chance to use their leftover property for a regional commuter train stop since they already have \$5,347,000.00 invested.

10 years is way too long! This vacant property could have easily been turned into a parking lot 10 years ago that is right next to the track that would benefit commuters in both counties. Each year 3,224 commuter trains pass through Highgrove between San Bernardino and Riverside and all that is needed is for some of these commuter trains to stop less than 1 minute for passengers.

Here is the actual letter from RCTC to the FTA dated Aug. 24, 2009 about only charging a small portion of the \$8,600,000.00 to the Perris Valley Line project.



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Riverside County Transportation Commission

August 24, 2009

Ms. Melanie Robertson  
Transportation Program Specialist  
Federal Transit Administration  
201 Mission Street, Suite 1650  
San Francisco, CA 94105

Subject: Perris Valley Line Project – Citrus Connection Real Estate Issue  
Request for Guidance

Dear Ms. Robertson:

On April 9, 2008, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) adopted the current Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) that is on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) line at Citrus Avenue. The Perris Valley Line (PVL) will operate primarily on track used as a freight line known as the San Jacinto Branch Line (SJBL). RCTC needs to acquire rights for additional railroad right of way to connect the SJBL to the BNSF line and to the Downtown Riverside Metrolink station.

The property that is the subject of this request for guidance is necessary for that connection (Citrus Connection) under the LPA and identified as Assessor Parcel Numbers 247-106-006, 247-112-002, and 247-150-011 and consolidated for development as a result of a city of Riverside approved Lot Line Adjustment. A copy of the Lot Line Adjustment is attached as Exhibit A. The property is fully entitled and is approximately 17.23 acres of vacant land. On July 30, 2009, a Request for Concurrence in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Finding 23 CFR 771.117(d)(12), was sent to Mr. Leslie T. Rogers for protective acquisition of land for the PVL project.

The portion of the property needed for the PVL project is approximately 6.6096 acres or 38% of the full parcel. A partial acquisition of the property is not feasible at this time for the following reasons: (a) Condition of Approval No. 23 on page 7 indicates that Villa Street may only be used as emergency access. A partial acquisition will leave the remainder of the property an uneconomic remnant. (A copy of Approval of Development Application by the city of Riverside Community Development Department is attached as Exhibit B); and (b) since this is an Advanced Acquisition for Protection, RCTC cannot exercise its power of eminent domain.

RCTC's intent is to make an offer to acquire the property and to use project funds to acquire the 6.6096 acres required to connect the SJBL to the BNSF line. The remaining 62% of the cost to acquire the property will be financed using RCTC Measure A funds (local funds) and held for RCTC's future use.

RCTC is requesting FTA's guidance in its plan to charge only the cost of the 38% portion of the parcel to the PVL project. RCTC's request is predicated on controlling project costs and to remain below the \$250 million New Starts threshold. RCTC will secure an appraisal of the property if it receives a response from FTA in the next two weeks.

## Three important transportation questions:

**This brings 3 questions to mind:**

1. Would RCTC have bought the 17.22 acres if it had not been for the Perris Valley Line?
2. Is it fair to only charge a percentage of the cost of the property to the Perris Valley Line even though they had to buy the entire area?
3. Since they now own more property than they need, why not

listen to the public's 10 year requests to use their property to stop some of the existing Metrolink trains?

More information is on our web site: [www.highgrovehappenings.net](http://www.highgrovehappenings.net) Click on Metrolink and scroll to the lower right side of the map to: "8 years of comments" plus other important information. We welcome and appreciate your comments.

## Lawsuit against Riverside County Transportation Commission!

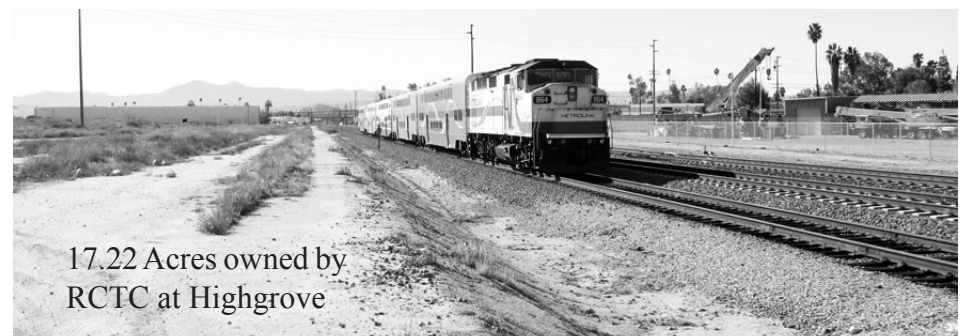
In a totally unrelated lawsuit that Highgrove is not involved in, negotiations between the "Friends of Riverside Hills" and RCTC have been cancelled and this lawsuit appears to be headed to trial according to an article in the Press Enterprise on April 12, 2012.

The Friends of Riverside Hills is challenging RCTC's Environmental Impact Report. And among other things, they also believe that RCTC has grossly overestimated the amount of ridership that is predicted on the proposed Perris Valley Line.

Construction of the Perris Valley Line will be delayed until the lawsuit has been resolved according to the

Press Enterprise article.

**10 years ago we also had a similar issue when RCTC deflated the ridership figures at Highgrove to show there would only a few riders per day and the former RCTC Executive Director, Eric Haley inflated the cost when he stated that the cost of the Colton Flyover would have to be added to the Highgrove Metrolink station if commuter trains stopped at Highgrove. We knew back then that this was not true. The Highgrove station still has nothing to do with the Colton Flyover! The article on the right shows that the Colton flyover is now under construction.**



For 10 years the vacant property on the left could have been a Metrolink Stop at Highgrove. All that is needed is a parking lot for these daily trains to stop right next to the property owned by the Riverside County Transportation Commission. It would be an "Economic Asset" for the whole Region!

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## Colton Flyover Under Construction!

When completed, instead of this Union Pacific train proceeding at ground level like shown below, the UP track will be elevated over the BNSF railroad tracks to eliminate the bottleneck for trains. One of the concrete bases is shown under construction by the west side of the La Cadena Dr. underpass.



This new flyover will permit even more future commuter trains on the BNSF tracks between San Bernardino and Riverside. Highgrove has the ideal location for people to park and ride to help relieve freeway traffic congestion. But for 10 years, RCTC has opposed stopping the existing commuter trains and/or future trains that go right next to their property at Highgrove.



We will continue to print tangible evidence through pictures, letters, and documents similar the letter on page 8 to show you how your transportation tax money is being spent. To verify the cost of the \$16,771,000.00 RCTC spent for 2 vacant properties at and near Highgrove go to: [www.highgrovehappenings.net](http://www.highgrovehappenings.net) and click on latest issue/Jan. 2012.

Our information is based on facts not on estimated ridership, improper cost of the Colton flyover added to Highgrove, or re-distribution of funds.

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# Labor Day

Labor Day is often referred to as the unofficial end of summer, but the true meaning goes much deeper. It's a day that celebrates the economic and social contributions of America's workforce.

Labor Day started with the Pullman Strike, a massive strike between labor unions and the railroad back in 1894. The U.S. Army was sent to resolve the issue.

"A lot of people think that Labor Day was sort of meant as an apology by Grover Cleveland who was the president for what was seen as some anti-union activity".

Today the holiday honors labor workers all across the country, with special meaning in recent years.

"I think most of us feel pretty much under attack the recession has hurt ordinary working people really hard".

With states like Wisconsin changing laws for public labor unions recently, leaders say the future of their organizations is questionable.

"There's a lot of issues out there and it just seems like there's a lot of people that want to put some cuts on them".

Labor Day is a day to thank not only unions, but all employees for the work they do... "We're the ones plowing snow, hauling the garbage away, all your infrastructure in cities we're doing all that".

"Some folks felt fairly secure in their own workplace and we've seen just across the border in Wisconsin what can happen". "It should galvanize people to take this issue more seriously."

Many other countries celebrate their workforce on International Workers Day which is May 1. However, President Cleveland wanted Labor Day to be separate because he was concerned the holiday would be associated with communist movements during that time.

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## DEVILS DEN

by Dennis Wilds

Geraldine quickened her steps on hearing the part about the gun, knowing Booger truly did hate the Zundappers and may well carry through on his threats. Booger had had a few run-ins with Brother Roy over fishing rights on Buzzard creek, and so far these had led only to bad words exchanged. Booger had poached a pig that had strayed onto his property from the Zundappe farm last spring and that is when the bad blood arose. Voicing his suspicions to Sheriff Waldo, Roy was cautioned by the Sheriff to be careful of Booger who had a history of violent disputes with his neighbors. It seems that Waldo Irons was about the only person in the county that Booger worried about. Waldo looked the other way as long as Booger refrained from anything stronger than verbal threats. Waldo even ignored Booger's worthless still, knowing Booger was too greedy to share his whisky and everyone else knew better than to drink the dangerous and poor quality spirits. JUST TOUCH ME BABY OR KISSED BY AN IDIOT

To truly understand what follows with Baby and Delphia, let me fill you in on Baby's parents. Baby's daddy, Daniel Robbins married Baby's mama, Leila Dinah Holsberg, maybe the smartest and prettiest girl in Oklahoma. Danny certainly married up as they say.

The first time Leila ever laid eyes on her future husband was the summer of 1917 and she called him an idiot. Danny was born on February 1, 1900 near Broken Bow, Oklahoma, and that's where he may well have stayed had he not had the good fortune to find summer work in Tulsa when he was seventeen. Leila was almost three years older than Danny and she lived in Tulsa with her Dad, a minister and an osteopath, and her mom, a music teacher. Danny got a

summer job farming with his aunt and uncle who had a dairy outside of Tulsa, and on some afternoons his job was to make the milk run into town with a buckboard of milk cans to the Sooner Creamery. This took Danny right by Leila's house and that is where she and her mama were sitting on the porch that summer afternoon when she saw Danny round the corner standing, that's right, standing on the back end of an old draft horse pulling a wagon full of milk cans behind him. From Danny's point of view, that style of riding made more sense than absorbing the jolts of the bumpy dirt road sitting back there on the wooden buckboard seat. Wearing a straw hat and cut off coveralls and no shirt, Danny held the reins in his hands while balancing on the undulating equine hips while the old horse seemed to enjoy the boy's ballast. And on top of this, the little show off was singing "Oh My Darling Clementine" loud enough to get the attention of Leila's mama who commented that the boy did have a fair singing voice. Danny glanced to his left and waved at the two women sitting about fifty feet away. He waved at them and greeted them with a "Morning ladies" and then he struck a pose with his right hand holding the reins out in front of him and his left arm and leg stretched out behind, grinning big.

"Would you look at that showoff?" Leila said.

"That's Mercury he's doing, Leila. He's posing for you like the warrior Mercury. Remember the statue of Mercury?" Leila's mama said back while giving a wave back at Danny from the porch.

"That boy wouldn't recognize Mercury if one bit him on the behind." Leila replied without knowing that, indeed, Danny knew exactly who and what he was posing as. You see, he had seen the book "The World in One Thousand Pictures" and had

remembered very well the photo of the bronze sculpture of Mercury, especially the wings on the statues ankles depicting fleetness of foot. Danny figured he was going Mercury one better by balancing on one foot on the back of a moving mount. The women up there on the porch were witnessing performance art at its highest level from his point of view. Speaking of points of view, his view of the houses on his left and the cattails rising from the bar ditch on his right, augmented by the cool summer smells of backyard gardens and rose gardens, well the world looked great from high up on the horses rear that morning.

Little did Leila know it then, but everything she would ever need to know about her future husband she had revealed to her right then and there. Danny would remain as straightforward and uncomplicated and imaginative his entire life. Where others would ask "why", Danny would likely ask "why not?" The man would live his entire life dedicated to work and family while somehow keeping his head in the clouds. Incapable of embarrassment, Danny did not seek out attention so much as he remained unfazed by being the center of attention. Life came very natural to Danny and it was impossible not to like him as Leila would come to appreciate in due time.

The next time Leila would see Danny would be the following Sunday where his mom had placed him next to her in her Dad's church choir. Knowing Danny's aunt and uncle, her mom had specifically requested his attendance at church where the choir could use another tenor.

As a singer, Danny was fair, but as a performer you couldn't take your eyes off him. He had that presence on stage that few had and Leila found herself unable to ignore the boy. Far from liking Danny, Leila tolerated him for the rest of the summer while, somehow, he kept showing up at her house for Sunday supper. That's because her folks liked the kid and his up personality was downright entertaining. If there was humor to be found,

Danny found it, and you never knew what would come out of his mouth when you asked him to say grace. He was a toastmaster and a born orator. Quite the opposite, Leila was the silent thinker type and she chose her words yesterday for what she needed to say tomorrow. Polite to a fault, Leila even tolerated Danny sitting next to her on the piano bench on Sunday afternoons when she would entertain the family.

Leila inherited her musical talent from her mama, and as a pianist, she was very good. If it had words, Danny would sing while she played, and "She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain" was one of their favorites and he could be counted on to come up with humorous phrases between stanzas, like "Howdy maam" and "Whoa boy". By summer's end, Danny was infatuated with his choir mate and he asked Leila to walk him to the train station the day he left for home. He told Leila he had something special to give her before he left and he would give it to her at the station. Out of curiosity, Leila walked the mile or so downtown with Danny that morning and waited patiently with him as the "All aboard" call sounded. All out of small talk, Leila asked Danny what it was he wanted her to have. With that Danny said "This." As he grabbed her with both hands over her ears and pulled her face to his and kissed her big right on the lips. Before Leila could regain her composure Danny grabbed his bag and turned and bounded up the steps onto the train as it began to pull from the platform. Aghast, red faced and furious all at the same time, Leila was speechless as she watched charisma boy disappear down the tracks grinning back at her. Dumbfounded, Leila burned with infuriation off and on the rest of the year, just waiting for the next time she saw the presumptuous little idiot so she could chastise him for his forwardness. What could he be thinking anyway? For Danny's part, it just was the natural thing to do. He had feelings for the girl.

(to be continued next month)



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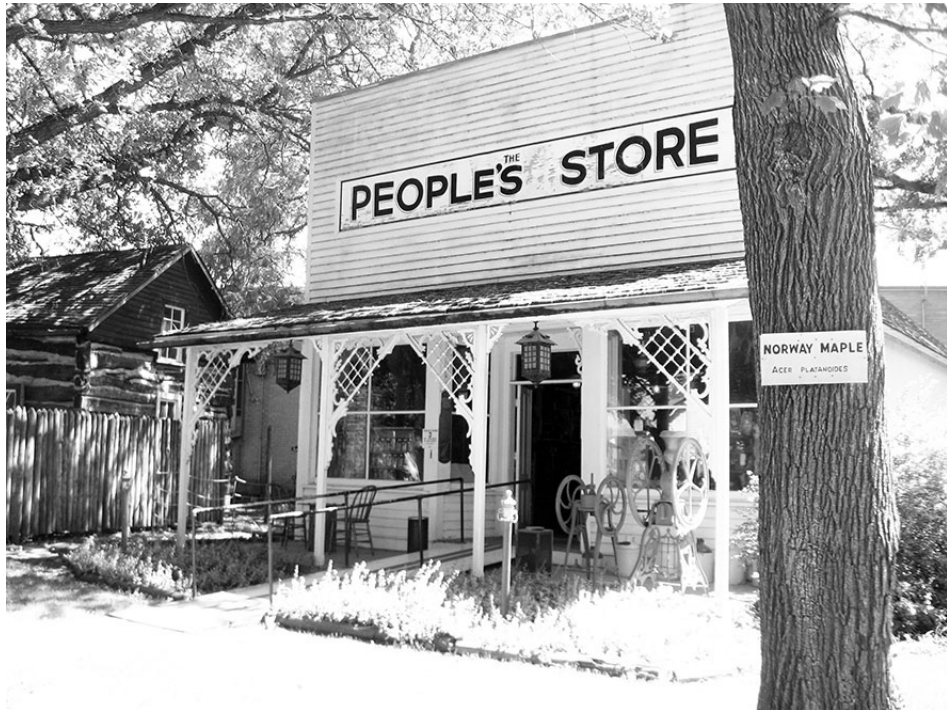


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This building reminds me of an old General Store where you could buy almost anything. Inside are items from the 20's that shows how people used to live years ago. This was way before ordering things on the internet.



There are several 2 story buildings that display an unusual collection of automobiles that are parked in numerical order. The one that looks like a pick up is a 1924 Cadillac. Also lined up in order of year of production are Oldsmobiles, Buicks, Chryslers DeSotos, Fords, Studebakers, Nashes, Chevrolets, Dodges,

and Plymouths and some you may never have heard of such as Whippet, Terraplane, Franklin, Hupmobile, Graham Page, Oakland, Marquette, and Essex just to name a few. There are over 350 antique automobiles on display and there were so many different ones I just took pictures of the hood ornaments. Cont. on P. 12

## FINANCIAL FOCUS

### Diversify Your Investment Risk

All investments carry risk. But, as an investor, one of the biggest risks you face is that of not achieving your long-term goals, such as enjoying a comfortable retirement and remaining financially independent throughout your life. To help reach your objectives, you need to own a variety of investment vehicles — and each carries its own type of risk.

If you spread your investment dollars among vehicles that carry different types of risk, you may increase your chances of owning some investments that do well, even if, at the same time, you own others that aren't. As a result, you may be able to reduce the overall level of volatility in your portfolio. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against all losses.)

To diversify your risk factors, you first need to recognize them. Here are some of the most common types of investment risk:

- **Market risk** — This is the type of risk that everyone thinks about — the risk that you could lose principal if the value of your investment drops and does not recover before you sell it. All investments are subject to market risk. You can help lessen this risk by owning a wide variety of investments from different industries and even different countries.

- **Inflation (purchasing power) risk** — If you own a fixed-rate investment, such as a Certificate of Deposit (CD), that pays an interest rate below the current rate of inflation, you are incurring purchasing power risk. Fixed-income investments can help provide reliable income streams, but you also need to consider invest-

ments with growth potential to help work toward your long-term goals.

- **Interest-rate risk** — Bonds and other fixed-income investments are subject to interest-rate risk. If you own a bond that pays 4% interest, and newly issued bonds pay 5%, it would be difficult to sell your bond for full price. So if you wanted to sell it prior to maturity, you might have to offer it at a discount to the original price. However, if you hold your bonds to maturity, you can expect to receive return of your principal provided the bond does not default.

- **Default risk** — Bonds, along with some more complex investments, such as options, are subject to default risk. If a company issues a bond that you've bought and that company runs into severe financial difficulties, or even goes bankrupt, it may default on its bonds, leaving you holding the bag. You can help protect against this risk by sticking with "investment-grade" bonds — those that receive high ratings from independent rating agencies such as Standard & Poor's or Moody's.

- **Liquidity risk** — Some investments, like real estate, are harder to sell than others. Thus, real estate is considered more "illiquid" than many common investments.

Make sure you understand what type of risk is associated with every investment you own. And try to avoid "overloading" your portfolio with too many investments with the same type of risks. Doing so will not result in a totally smooth journey through the investment world — but it may help eliminate some of the "bumps" along the way.

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## A "LOVING" LOOK AT POLITICS

by Jerry Loving

The Worst Human Caused Disaster since December 7, 1941



The September 11th attacks (also referred to as 911) were a series of four suicide attacks that were committed against the United States on September 11, 2001, coordinated to strike the areas of New York City and Washington, D.C.

On that Tuesday morning, 19 Islamic (al-Qaeda) terrorists as a militant group hijacked four passenger jets. The hijackers intentionally piloted two of those planes into the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and both towers collapsed within two hours. The hijackers also intentionally crashed another passenger airliner in Arlington, Virginia, where I was in Crystal City (across from the Pentagon) on business. Luckily, the day before I had caught a plane to go home to Mississippi. There was a fourth plane whose mission was to crash into the Nation's Capital. However, the plane crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, after its passengers attempted to take control of the jet from the hijackers. Nearly 3,000 people died in the attacks, including a news reporter who was telling her listeners everything that was happening up until the actual crash. She did get time, though, to say goodbye to her husband and family prior to the crash. No one survived the crash.

Al-Qaeda was quickly blamed for the attack and in 2004, the group's leader Osama Bin Laden, who had initially denied involvement, claimed responsibility for the attack. Al-Qaeda and Bin Laden cited U.S. support of Israel and the presence of U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia and sanctions against Iraq for the attacks. The United States responded to the attacks by launching an invasion against Afghanistan to depose the

Taliban, which had harbored Al-Qaeda. Many countries strengthened their anti-terrorism legislation and expanded law enforcement powers. In May 2011, after years at large, an attack on his compound by Navy SEALs, killed Bin Laden and took him out to sea and fed him to the sharks.

Lower Manhattan has yet to recover economically and further the impact on global markets. Clean-up of the World Trade Center site was completed in May 2002, and the Pentagon was repaired within a year. Numerous memorials were constructed. After a lengthy delay, the 1,776-foot-tall (541 m) one world Trade Center is expected to be completed at ground zero in New York by 2013.

In conclusion, this attack ranks just as high as the attack on Pearl Harbor which brought us into World War II. As a side note, there were 2 Japanese ambassador's discussing with President Roosevelt the terms and conditions for a peace treaty. Once again, American soldiers would have to defend their home front and the feeling of freedom. As President Jefferson said many years earlier, "to preserve democracy, we must have a war". He also claimed that war was God's purpose of keeping the population intact.

If you ever get a chance, you must go to Lompoc, California and see the spot where a Japanese submarine shot a torpedo. Luckily, no one was hurt. Oh, and the Japanese, in another attack not covered by the media, would float balloons with armament over America and hopefully kill a bunch of people. One of these balloons landed in a picnic in upper Oregon and killed and wounded a lot of people.

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Some early vehicles were not gas guzzlers!



1909 Stanley Steamer

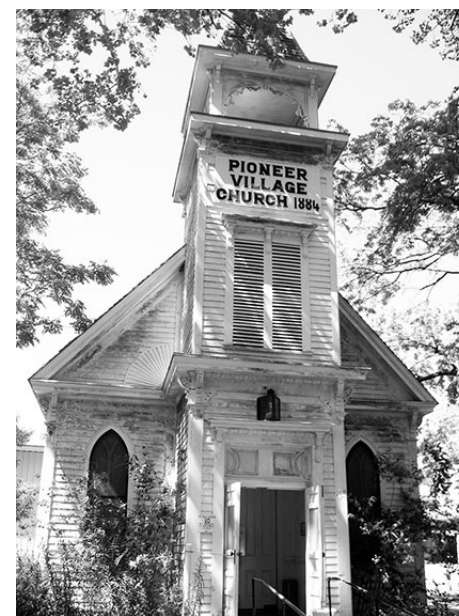


1915 Woods Electric

If you think your new Chevrolet Volt or Toyota Prius is a brand new invention maybe we need to look backward before we look forward.

The 2 cars shown above were also at Pioneer Village but were not powered by gasoline. The 1909 Stanley Steamer turned water into steam similar to the old steam engines on the railroad tracks of yesteryear. Electric powered vehicles are not new either. You may have heard of the Baker Electric but the one shown above is a Woods Electric made in 1915.

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Friday	Aug. 31	Notre Dame (Riverside)	Grand Terrace High School	7:00PM
Friday	Sep. 07	@ Arroyo Valley	Arroyo Valley High School	7:00PM
Friday	Sep. 14	Jurupa Hills HS	Grand Terrace High School	7:00PM
Friday	Sep. 21	Alta Loma	Grand Terrace High School	7:00PM
Friday	Sep. 28	@ Rialto High School	Rialto High School	7:00PM
Friday	Oct. 05	* Fontana	Grand Terrace High School	7:00PM
Friday	Oct. 12	* @ Colton	Colton High School	7:00PM
Friday	Oct. 19	* @ Summit High School	Summit High School	7:00PM
Friday	Oct. 26	* Kaiser, Henry	Grand Terrace High School	7:00PM
Friday	Nov. 02	* @ Bloomington	Bloomington High School	7:00PM



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Sept. 27	3:15 pm	@ Rialto	RHS
Oct. 5	3:15 pm	Fontana	GTHS
Oct. 11	3:15 pm	@ Colton	CHS
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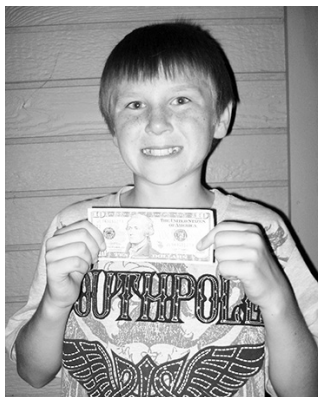
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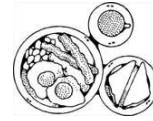
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